

## MEMORIAL TO DR. HANCOCK.

### Unveiling at University.

A memorial window in the foyer of Winthrop Hall at the University, Crawley, in honour of the late Dr. W. J. Hancock, will be unveiled by the Chancellor of the University (Sir Walter James, K.C.) next Friday afternoon. The movement to establish a memorial to the late Dr. Hancock was organised by Associate-Professor P. H. Fraenkel, of the School of Engineering, and the cost was defrayed from money subscribed by members of the University, the West Australian branch of the British Medical Association, the Perth Division of the Institute of Engineers of Australia, the Royal Society of Western Australia, and the University Engineers' Club. A competition was held for a suitable design for the memorial and, of the ten designs submitted, that of Brooks, Robinson, Pty., Ltd., of Melbourne, was selected.

The late Dr. Hancock, who was closely connected with the scientific and public life of the State for over 40 years, died abroad on August 26, 1931, at the age of 68 years. An early worker in radiology, Dr. Hancock contracted serious disabilities which ultimately deprived him of the use of the fingers of one hand and greatly impeded the use of the fingers of his other hand. He has been described as "a martyr to the development of X-rays."

After having studied at the University of Glasgow, Dr. Hancock came to Western Australia in 1855 and, as a member of the public service of the Colony, he was intimately connected with the construction and establishment of the first Perth-Fremantle telephone exchange system. For a time he was superintendent of telegraphs and later as government electrical engineer he carried out the electrical equipment of the Fremantle and Bunbury harbours. Following the discovery of X-rays by Rontgen in 1895, Dr. Hancock conducted radiological research in this State. For over 20 years he was honorary radiologist to the Perth Hospital and during the war he directed (also in an honorary capacity) all X-ray work at the Base Hospital, Fremantle. In recognition of his contributions to science he received the first Kelvin medal awarded by the Royal Society of Western Australia, while the University Senate of which he was a member for many years conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

The memorial window at the University incorporates the symbols of science, the lamp of learning, the serpent of healing, a crown of honour and a scroll with the words "Greater Love Hath No Man." A feature of the design is the late Dr. Hancock's crest at the bottom—a cock and an Irish shamrock—and the motto "Vincit Amor Patriae" (Love of Country Prevails).

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